

**641—99.5(144) Delayed certificate to be signed.** Each delayed certificate of birth shall be signed and sworn to before an official authorized to administer oaths by the person whose birth is to be registered if such person is 16 years of age or over and is competent to sign and swear to the accuracy of the facts stated therein; otherwise, the certificate shall be signed and sworn to by one of the parents, the guardian, the next of kin, or if none of these exist, any other older person. In all cases when someone other than the applicant signs the certificate, such person must be older than the applicant and have personal knowledge of the facts of birth.